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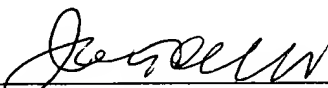
Claims 1-17 and 19-23 remain pending in the application, claims 18 and 24-27 having been cancelled. In the previous Office Action, claims 1-16 and 18 were allowed, and claims 17 and 19-23 were rejected.

In response, applicant has amended claim 17 to incorporate the subject matter of previously allowed claim 18. Claims 19-23 remain dependent upon claim 17. Accordingly, claims 17 and 19-23 should now be allowable.

It is believed that this application is now in full condition for allowance, and such action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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